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SUBJ: EIGHTH AND NINTH PARTY CONGRESSES

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SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINES DETAILS ON THE PRC'S TWO
PREVIOUS PARTY CONGRESSES. END SUMMARY.

1. THE EIGHTH PARTY CONGRESS WAS PUBLICLY CALLED FOR IN THE
COMMUNIQUE OF THE SIXTH PLENUM, SEVENTH CCP/CC (PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE), WHICH MET OCTOBER 4-11, 1955. THE EIGHTH CONGRESS
ITSELF OPENED SEPTEMBER 15, 1956. NOTIFICATION OF THE OPENING,
ALONG WITH THE FIRST PUBLISHED REPORT OF THE AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 13
PREPARATORY MEETINGS, APPEARED IN THAT MORNING'S PEOPLE'S DAILY
(PD). THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS INCORPORATED THREE SESSIONS
(AUGUST 22, SEPTEMBER 8, SEPTEMBER 13) OF THE SEVENTH PLENUM,
SEVENTH CCP/CC, WHICH APPROVED THE FOLLOWING EIGHTH CONGRESS
DOCUMENTS: 1) THE POLITICAL WORK REPORT, 2) DRAFT CONSTITUTION
REVISIONS, 3) A DRAFT OF THE SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN, AND 4) A LIST
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OF THE DELEGATES, SECRETARIAT, AND PRESIDUM.

2. THE EIGHTH CONGRESS WAS IN SESSION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27. IT HAD 1,021 DELEGATES AND 107 ALTERNATES (WE CAN FIND NO STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF OBSERVERS AT EITHER THE EIGHTH OR NINTH CONGRESSES). DURING THE CONGRESS, PD RAN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF ITS ACTIVITIES. THIS INCLUDED PUBLICATION IN FULL OF IMPORTANT SPEECHES AND REPORTS, SUCH AS MAO'S OPENING SPEECH (PD SEPTEMBER 16), LIU SHAO-CHI'S SEPTEMBER 15 POLITICAL REPORT (PD SEPTEMBER 17), CHOU'S SEPTEMBER 16 SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN REPORT (PD SEPTEMBER 19), AND TENG HSIAO-PING'S SEPTEMBER 16 REPORT ON PARTY CONSTITUTION REVISIONS (PD SEPTEMBER 18). THE NEW PARTY CONSTITUTION, PASSED SEPTEMBER 26, WAS PUBLISHED ON THE 27TH ALONG WITH A LIST OF THE NEW CCP/CC. THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CONGRESS' CLOSING, THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE SELECTED ITS POLITBURO.

3. THE NINTH PARTY CONGRESS WAS PUBLICLY CALLED FOR IN THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE TWELFTH PLENUM, EIGHTH CCP/CC, WHICH MSF OCTOBER 13-31, 1968. THE NINTH CONGRESS OPENED APRIL 1, 1969, ANNOUNCED BY AN NCNA PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF THAT DATE, AND IN THE FOLLOWING MORNING'S PD. THERE WERE 1,512 DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING 176 PRESIDUM MEMBERS IDENTIFIED BY NAME. A PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON APRIL 14 REVEALED THAT LIN PIAO'S REPORT AND A NEW PARTY CONSTITUTION HAD BEEN APPROVED. 9, -048) 24, FINAL COMMUNIQUE RECORDED THE CONGRESS' CLOSING AND THE NAMES OF THE NEW CCP/CC. LIN PIAO'S REPORT WAS PUBLISHED APRIL 28 AND THE PARTY CONSTITUTION APRIL 29.

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